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# **City of Anoka Rum River Dam Grant Administration Reporting**

Laws of Minnesota 2024, Chapter 127, article 40, section 4(b)

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## Executive Summary

The Minnesota Department of Commerce (Commerce) submits this report in fulfillment of the requirement set forth by the Laws of Minnesota 2024, Chapter 127, article 40, section 4(b):

### *Sec. 4. GRANT ADMINISTRATION REPORTING.*

*(b) Within 90 days after each named grantee has fulfilled the obligations of the grantee's grant agreement, the commissioner must report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees having jurisdiction over energy finance and policy on the final cost to administer (1) each named grant included in paragraph (a), and (2) each named grant in this article and article 41.*

Section 4(b) requires reporting on the named grants included in Section 4(a). Section 4(a) states:

*(a) By July 1, 2024, the commissioner of commerce must report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees having jurisdiction over energy finance and policy regarding the anticipated costs to administer each named grant and competitive grant program in Laws 2023, chapter 60, article 10, section 2, and Laws 2023, chapter 60, article 11, section 2.*

Among the grants included in the laws of 2023, chapter 60, article 10, section 2, subdivision 2 includes a grant of \$500,000 to the City of Anoka:

*(u) \$500,000 the first year is for a grant to the city of Anoka for feasibility studies as described in this paragraph and design, engineering, and environmental analysis related to the repair and reconstruction of the Rum River Dam. Findings from the feasibility studies must be incorporated into the design and engineering funded by this appropriation. This appropriation is onetime and is available until June 30, 2027. This appropriation includes money for the following studies: (1) a study to assess the feasibility of adding a lock or other means for boats to traverse the dam to navigate between the lower Rum River and upper Rum River; (2) a study to assess the feasibility of constructing the dam in a manner that would facilitate recreational river surfing at the dam site; and (3) a study to assess the feasibility of constructing the dam in a manner to generate hydroelectric power.*

The grant to the City of Anoka ended August 12, 2026. Per a determination by Minnesota Management and Budget on the timing of this award, Commerce did not retain a portion of the appropriation for the costs to administer the grant. The total costs to administer the grant were \$0.